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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BLACK FOREST FIRE/RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Black Forest Fire/Rescue Protection District held a regular board meeting on February 16, 2022, such meeting duly posted for public notice.

A quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Nearhoof.

Directors present: R. Nearhoof/N. Dowden/J. Abendschan/D. Hoffpaur

Directors absent: J. Hinton

Also present: Chief Langmaid/D. Arkowski/R. Dunn/fire department personnel/and others via Zoom

Roll Call: Treasurer Jack Hinton was absent; **a motion was made and seconded to excuse Mr. Hinton's absence due to being hospitalized; the motion carried unanimously.**

Minutes **A motion was made and seconded to approve the board meeting minutes for the January 19, 2022 regular board meeting; upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

Financial Reports Chief Langmaid reported the financial position, in the absence of Treasurer Hinton. All accounts are in order, with assets of about \$1.7 million. A cash balance of \$550,000 is available for operating expenses. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report; the motion carried unanimously.**

Operations Report Given by Chief Langmaid. A written report was prepared by Chief Langmaid and given to all directors. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Previous Month Overview and Primary Focus

- 19 fire calls; 73 EMS calls; 1075 training hours; 2 plan reviews
- Staff has attended Flying Horse North meetings
- Returned to Marshall fire early in January for 5 days
- Have been attending many meetings

Finance and Administrative:

- Tax revenue Jan. 2022 - \$84,740; ambulance revenue - \$33,299; deployment revenue - \$9,325; COVID grant revenue - \$4,216
- Notable expenses - \$57,891, Workers Compensation Insurance

Logistics:

- IT – Transfer to dedicated IT server began
- Fleet – repairs in some areas
- Facilities – nothing to report
- Supply chain issues continue
- Communications – nothing new to report
- Nine members impacted by covid in January; all healthy now

Operations:

- Training – auto stabilization with Falcon FPD

Planning

- TriLakes FPD investigating a third ambulance and a tender and using Highway 83 station
- An 11-lot subdivision being reviewed
- Retaining wall at station 2 has been repaired, and waiting on other maintenance items as Flying Horse North considers the construction of a fire station

Old Business **2022 Election Report** – DEO Rachel Dunn: There are applicants for the board vacancies, and their eligibility will be verified.

New Business None

Reports on Workshops and Meetings Treasurer Hinton and Chief Langmaid met with First National Bank to discuss vehicle financing. A loan of \$357,000 was reviewed, including information on interest rates and payment schedules. Specific information on a potential loan was provided. The

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truck will be delivered in May and the loan will be secured at that time. No action is required at this time.

Correspondence A thank-you letter was received from the family of a deceased firefighter; also a thank-you letter from a resident who was transported by ambulance.

Many properties in Black Forest are being rented out for weekend events, and the renters have been generating complaints from neighbors due to noise, disturbances, and building fires on the property. The neighbors are reporting these disturbances to the fire department, and fire personnel have responded to investigate and extinguish the fires. The Sheriff's Office, however, has jurisdiction and the authority to impose fines and has been asked to have property owners and managers handle this situation. All such properties should require definitive information and instructions to those who rent the houses to follow rules. Chief Langmaid responded to the involved properties in a very professional matter.

Chief Langmaid reported that he has received several inquiries from residents about the 2022 mill levy assessment and has prepared an informational table with mill levy comparisons of fire departments in the County. The table illustrates that Black Forest has the lowest mill levy of all surrounding fire districts. This information will be posted on the website.

Public Comments Linda Smith asked for clarification of fire stages 1 and 2, which Chief Langmaid explained, noting this information is on the website. Ms. Smith also asked about enforcement powers of the Sheriff's Office, and was informed that the SO will respond to informal fires and has authority to impose fines

Future Meetings The next regular meeting will be March 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment There being no further business, the board adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Arkowski, Secretary